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REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the April 7, 2006 Office Action. Claims 1-27 remain as originally filed and are presented for further consideration. Please consider the claims in view of the following remarks.

Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

In the April 7, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner has identified seven species:

Species I: Figure 1;
Species II: Figure 2;
Species III: Figure 3;
Species IV: Figure 4;
Species V: Figure 5;
Species VI: Figure 6; and
Species VII: Figure 7,

and has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims directed to Species I in the present application for prosecution if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant submits that Claims 1-27 are readable on Species I and that at least Claims 1-27 are generic over all the species identified by the Examiner.

Summary

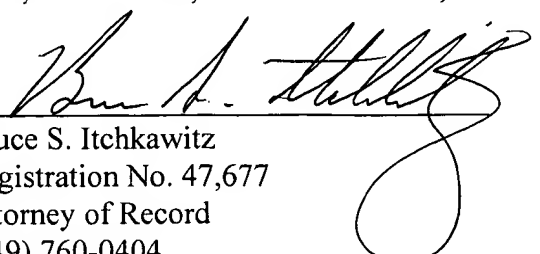
Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing is fully responsive to the restriction/election requirement. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-27 is respectfully requested. If, however, any issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's counsel at the number provided below to resolve such issues promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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